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SUBJECT: TASS REPLAYS ARGENTINE EMBASSY NOTE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

REF: MOSCOW 17025 (NOTAL)

1. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF:

--CIRCULAR NOTE OF ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW DATED
NOV 29 WHICH REFUTES WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ON OFFICIAL
US EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN MADE DURING VISIT TO ARGENTINA
OF SECRETARY VANCE AND HIS PARTY;
--TASS ENGLISH WIRE REPORT DATED NOV 30 REPORTED
"LETER" OF ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR WHICH APPARENTLY CARRIED
THE SAME MESSAGE AS THE CIRCULAR NOTE DESCRIBED ABOVE;
--AP STORY DATED MOSCOW DEC 1 WHICH REPORTS
TASS ITEM AND ADDS COMMENT THAT TASS COVERAGE DRAWS

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ATTENTION TO US-ARGENTINE DIFFERENCES OVER HUMAN

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RIGHTS ISSUES, SIGNALS AN IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-ARGENTINE RELATIONS, AND REMPHASIZED THAT "INTER-FERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" IS A BAD THING WHETHER IN ARGENTINA OR IN SOVIET UNION.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEES NO SIGNAL IN ALL THIS OF ANY IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-ARGENTINE RELATIONS, BUT DOES AGREE WITH AP THAT SOVIETS ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO TWIT US OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND TO CROW OVER DIFFICULTIES WHICH US CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSES FOR US FOREIGN POLICY.

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